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REPLY AND AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This reply and amendment is being filed in response to the outstanding Non-Final Office Action dated October 18, 2010, in connection with the above-identified patent application. The period to respond is extended by petition and payment of the appropriate fee provided herewith. Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and withdrawal of the pending rejections upon reconsideration.

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